

	*	IN THE
_____ Plaintiff	*	CIRCUIT COURT
v.	*	FOR
	*	_____
_____ Defendant	*	Civil No.:
* * * * *	* * * * *	

ORDER APPOINTING COUNSEL FOR A MINOR CHILD

UPON CONSIDERATION of the best interests of the child(ren) in this matter, it is this
 _____ day of _____, 2____ by the Circuit Court for
 _____ County, Maryland, hereby

ORDERED that _____, Esquire, is appointed to
 represent the minor child(ren) _____, before
 the Court in this matter in the following capacity:

- [] ***Nagle v. Hooks Attorney.*** The attorney is hereby appointed to serve as attorney for the minor child(ren) for the sole purposes of determining whether the patient/psychologist privilege should be waived or asserted on behalf of the minor child(ren), pursuant to *Nagle v. Hooks*, 296 Md. 123, 460 A.2d 49 (1983); and it is further

- [] ***Advocate / Guardian ad Litem.*** The attorney is hereby appointed to serve as
 - [] **ADVOCATE** for the minor child(ren). As advocate the attorney is charged with advancing the child's desires and wishes in the matter before the court;

 - [] **GUARDIAN AD LITEM** for the minor child(ren). As guardian ad litem, the attorney shall seek to advance a position which he or she believes to be in the child(ren)'s best interest;

and it is further

- [] **Investigator.** The attorney is appointed to serve as an investigator to assist the court. In that role, they are to investigate the relative abilities of the parties in their roles as parents, and to file a written report concerning their investigation and recommendations. The report shall be filed with the Court and the parties or their attorneys as early as possible before the pre-trial conference, or trial, if no pre-trial conference is scheduled. The investigator should also be available at the request of either party or attorney to testify at trial concerning their investigation and recommendations; and it is further

ORDERED, that an attorney appointed under any capacity in this order is entitled to have access to any and all privileged information including protected health information regarding the child, without the necessity of a signed release, including medical, dental, psychiatric/psychological, social services, drug and alcohol treatment, law enforcement, and educational records; and it is further

ORDERED that the attorney's services are to be compensated in the following manner:

- [] **Payment into Escrow Account.** Plaintiff is hereby directed to pay the appointed attorney for deposit into the attorney's trust account the sum of \$_____ within thirty days of the date of this Order, and the Defendant is hereby directed to pay the appointed attorney for deposit into the attorney's trust account the sum of \$_____ within thirty days of the date of this Order as initial contributions toward the attorney's fees in performing these services. A final allocation of fees will be determined by the Court at the hearing on the merits of the case, or upon motion of child's counsel. Attorney for the child shall be entitled to charge an hourly fee for services not to exceed \$_____ .
- [] **Pro Bono Representation.** Attorney for the child shall provide these services *pro bono publico*.
- [] **Fee Waiver and Court Compensation.** The Court waives the parties' obligation to pay for child counsel. Child counsel may submit a bill for services to the Court at the conclusion of the case, or earlier upon motion. The Court will compensate counsel for services at an amount not to exceed \$_____ per hour, up to a maximum of \$_____. Services rendered by counsel that would require payment over that amount shall be rendered *pro bono publico*.

[] ***Other Means.*** _____
_____.

JUDGE

Recommended by: _____
_____ (Date)

cc: _____

Attorney Name

Address

City *State* *Zip*

Telephone